

Common Questions and Suggestions for the /v/GAs

“Stop filling the show with memes”

“Stop pandering to reddit/9gag/normalfags/kotaku/facebook/b/the internet at large”

Reasoning: *Memes are cancer that only bring in newfags and redditards*

Response: You're diamond dozen mother sucked so much dik that she died rip in piece ;_7 lel
#YOLO #SWAG #GORILLOWARFARE

“Stop sucking Valve's cock”

“Gaben is the devil and Steam doesn't respect your freedoms INSTALL GENTOO”

Reasoning: *Requiring a Steam account in order to vote skews the voting in favor of Valve products. Valve and Portal 2 won a bunch of awards so obviously this is true.*

Response: Our intention behind using Steam verification for voting was not to skew votes towards Valve. When we were trying to figure out a simple solution to vote spamming, Steam verification seemed like the best solution, considering the majority of people on /v/ that game on PC use Steam, and it was going to be easier to integrate into our site compared to email registration. We realize now that that may have created a skew of sorts towards Valve related nominees, and we're looking into alternative registration options for voters without a Steam account.

“Stop being lazy and at least make the video in fucking gmod or sfm”

Last year's project was haphazardly thrown together at the last minute and we barely managed to shove it out the door in its final state before January was over. This time around we're still haphazardly throwing the project together at the last minute, but we just might be able to put together something in SFM. We have one good SFM director on board, but if anyone else out there with experience wants to help on that front, please get in touch.

“Each potential nominee should only be able to win one category”

Reasoning: *Having one nominee win multiple awards is unfair to the other nominees. Other good nominees are unable to get the spotlight they deserve due to being pitted against unfair competition.*

Response: While it may seem unfair for one nominee to win multiple awards, if the nominee in question is good enough to be nominated for multiple categories, it deserves to be praised for all the things it did well, rather than just one thing. Besides that, how do you suggest we decide which single category the game would be allowed to participate in?

“There should only be negative awards”

Reasoning: */v/ hates everything so why have positive awards?*

Response: When we were still in the planning stages of the project, the idea of having positive awards was debated heavily. We were caught between wanting to be the Razzies of video games and wanting to show that even /v/ could make a less disgraceful show than the Spike VGAs. Instead of making a decision, we put it up to a public poll on /v/. Given the choice between having a show with all negative awards, all positive awards, a mix of positive and negative awards, and no show at all, users voted enormously in favor of mixed positive and negative awards, with “all negative” taking less than 6% of total votes. If someone else wants to start a project dedicated to being the Razzies of video games, we highly encourage it, but that’s not what the /v/GAs project will be. We feel we need to provide /v/ the opportunity to show its appreciation for the hidden gems and lesser known games that get passed over by other awards shows in favor of AAA titles by big name publishers.

“Why not just choose the winners with a panel of judges instead of a popular vote?”

“Nobody has played all 5 nominated games so the result will just be whatever was played the most”

Reasoning: *There’s no point in positive awards since they’re just boil down to a popularity contest where even local favourites like MGQ have no chance of winning. The most well-known games will always win over the lesser known games, even on /v/.*

Response: The panel of judges alternative to voting was discussed last year, and was discussed again this year. The problem is there is no way to choose a panel that /v/ would care about, let alone one that could adequately pretend to represent /v/ as a whole. We hope to have partially addressed the second question by using a preferential voting system this year instead of first-past-the-post, but as far as we know there is no complete solution.

“No more fucking youtube e-celebrities. Let regular people from /v/ do the announcing”

Reasoning: *These people are attentionwhores that just want to exploit /v/ for views and profit. They have nothing to do with /v/ and shouldn’t be involved with an award show about /v/.*

Response: Every celebrity appearance in the 2011 /v/GA’s was requested specifically by other users on /v/. DUKE, Nyanners, and THE BEST GAMERS were all suggested multiple times throughout the planning stages of the show, along with ForeverPandering, GeneralIvan, Robin and Zelda Williams, Donkey Kong, Moot, Dopefish, and a myriad others. These people did not volunteer themselves for the project, they were requested at the hands of /v/. We did some test runs with unknowns at first, and it sounded fucking horrible, so established performers were sought out instead. DUKE has been a long-time user of /v/ and agreed to do the project because he felt it would be a good challenge to try and entertain /v/ beyond 10 second recordings for vocaroo threads, and while technically a denizen of /a/, Nyanners was also a user of /v/ and popular at the time thanks to her “troll-tan” videos. Both of them are “regular people from /v/” and were incredibly professional and worked very hard to complete all the scripts written for them in a timely manner, for no reward other than getting to be involved in the project.

If you're going to get angry at anyone for the people chosen to be involved with the /v/GA's, get angry at the other people on /v/ that suggested them. Or get angry at us, we don't give a fuck B)

"I wanna be the guy"

As above, we want a greater spread of performers to announce winners, and present the show in general. We need people that:

- Don't sound like complete shit
- Are willing to spend a few hours recording
- Expect no financial reward
- Are professional in attitude

Contact us if you want to be involved in the recording and fit those descriptions. If you know someone else, get them to contact us with their interest.

"Why are you pretending to represent what /v/ wants and likes when not all of /v/ wants or likes the /v/GAs"

We're not pretending to represent anything. We're just a handful of guys from /v/ taking the ideas and suggestions we get straight from people on /v/ and putting them together into a show for people on /v/ featuring the games that people on /v/ voted for. We strive to make sure that we do the things that the majority of users on /v/ want, so when someone says they don't like the /v/GAs or specific parts of the /v/GAs, what they're really saying is that they don't like the things that the majority of other people on /v/ like. We wholeheartedly welcome constructive criticism of the project and the people involved and have multiple documents filled with long discussions and analyzations of the criticisms we've received, but we pay no mind to the people shouting STOP LIKING WHAT I DON'T LIKE, because if we had this project would have gone nowhere.